

Be Prepared to Go and Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

Every household should consider assembling a To-Go kit – a collection of items you may need in the event you need to leave. Each household member's To-Go kit should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels. A To-Go bag should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry. Make sure it is ready to go at all times of the year.

Be Prepared to Go

- Decide where your household will reunite after a disaster. Identify two places to meet: one right outside your home and another outside your neighborhood, such as a library, community center or place of worship
- Keep your car's gas tank at least half full at all times
- Back your car into your garage for an easy exit
- Learn different routes out of your area
- Plan a way out if you do not have a car
- Take your emergency supply kit with you (see below)
- Lock the door behind you
- Plan to take your pets
- Turn off utilities if you can
- Check for news updates using your radio
- Leave a note behind indicating when you left, where you went and how to reach you
- Take copies of your out-of-state contact information

Emergency Supply Kit (To-Stay or To-Go)

- Food & Water:** Bottled water and non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods such as energy or granola bars
- Flashlight:** Hand crank model preferred or have extra batteries
- Radio:** Hand crank model preferred or have extra batteries
- Water Treatment:** Iodine tablets or unscented chlorine bleach and an eyedropper
- Phone:** Wireless phone, fully charged
- Documents:** Copies of important documents (insurance cards, photo IDs, proof of address) in waterproof, portable container like a zip lock bag
- Emergency Reference Card:** List of local, out-of-state, family and emergency contact information
- Personal items:** Soap, feminine products, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- Whistle:** Signal for family and rescuers
- First Aid Kit:** Treat minor family injuries
- Cash:** Be sure to carry a mix of cash (small bills) and credit cards
- Keys:** An extra set for home and car
- Special Needs:** Child care items, pet supplies, family medications and other essential personal items for at least one week. Be sure to change medications before they expire. Keep a list of medications each member of your household takes, their dosages or copies of all your prescription slips, and your doctor's name and phone number.
- Clothing:** Extra seasonal clothes for changing weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes
- Matches:** In waterproof container
- Mess Kits:** A set of compact cooking and eating utensils for preparing meals
- Paper and Pencil:** To take down important information
- Tarp, Tent, Poncho:** In case of rain



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